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- I, Cornelia Berghof-Jäger (formerly Cornelia Berghof), declare and state that:
- I make this declaration in connection with U.S. application Serial No. 09/508,238. I am a co-inventor of this application and am familiar with its prosecution history, particularly the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2003, as it pertains to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, of claims 46-59 and 61-64, as allegedly lacking adequate written description.
- SEQ ID NO:1 is the full-length 23S/5S intergenic region of Pseudomonas aeruginosa. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, on this basis, under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, are requested.

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